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**1 - Arkansas attorney general announces special task force**

Log Cabin Democrat, 05/07/2013

<http://thecabin.net/latest-news/2013-05-07/arkansas-attorney-general-announces-special-task-force#.UYvEYrU4syk>

Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel announced a special task force within his office to address questions and concerns resulting from the Mayflower oil spill which occurred March 29.

**2 - EPA officials learn about Louisiana agriculture**

Delta Farm Press, 05/08/2013

<http://deltafarmpress.com/government/epa-officials-learn-about-louisiana-agriculture>

Officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency met for a two-day (April 30-May 1) whirlwind tour of Louisiana agriculture with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the LSU AgCenter to give the EPA an understanding of the state's unique challenges.

**3 - Groups Protest Bill Ending Environmental Compliance History**

NBC 5 DFW, 05/08/2013

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/politics/Groups-Protest-Bill-Ending-Environmental-Compliance-History-206556931.html>

Environmental groups are upset that that Texas House is proposing an end to keeping histories of a company's compliance with state and federal laws.

**4 - Tulsa gets \$1.4 million in EPA Brownfields grants**

Tulsa 8, 05/09/2013

<http://www.ktul.com/story/22202799/tulsa-gets-14-million-in-epa-brownfields-grants>

The city of Tulsa has received a total of \$1.4 million in Environmental Protection Agency grants to help clean up contaminated former industrial sites.

**5 - Texas appealing to other states for radioactive trash, looks to expand program**

Fox News, 05/09/2013

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/05/07/texas-looking-to-import-higher-levels-radioactive-trash/>

When it comes to nuclear waste, many states have a not-in-my-backyard attitude. But Texas is rolling out the welcome mat. A measure that would allow three-dozen states to dump even hotter radioactive waste at a West Texas nuclear facility is picking up steam as it makes its way through the state legislature -- despite growing opposition from environmental groups who argue the economic incentives shouldn't trump public safety concerns.

**6 - Proposed EPA standards aimed at improving the environment could fuel higher gasoline prices**

The Oklahoman, 05/08/2013

[http://newsok.com/proposed-epa-standards-aimed-at-improving-the-environment-could-fuel-higher-gasoline-prices/article/3807438?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_national-finance-news](http://newsok.com/proposed-epa-standards-aimed-at-improving-the-environment-could-fuel-higher-gasoline-prices/article/3807438?custom_click=pod_headline_national-finance-news)

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a new "Tier 3" gasoline standard that would reduce the sulfur content allowed in gasoline and require vehicle manufacturers to improve engines to reduce emissions.

#### **7 - Advisors See Limits In Pending EPA Fracking Study, Echoing Industry**

Inside EPA, 05/08/2013

<http://insideepa.com/201305082433731/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/advisors-see-limits-in-pending-epa-fracking-study-echoing-industry/menu-id-95.html>

EPA advisors are raising concerns that data and other limitations could prevent the agency from using its pending study on the possible effects of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water from drawing conclusions on the practice's safety, echoing statements from industry groups who say the study may not be adequate to justify future regulatory policies.

#### **8 - Senate agrees to exempt farms from oil spill regs as part of WRDA bill**

Environment & Energy Daily, 05/09/2013

<http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/2013/05/09/2>

The Senate yesterday agreed to add an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act that would exempt small farms that store oil in aboveground tanks from federal oil spill regulations.

#### **9 - EPA Moves to Incorporate Environmental Justice in Agency Permitting Process**

BNA Daily Environment Report, 05/09/2013

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=31021718&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d8j5z7u8&split=0](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=31021718&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d8j5z7u8&split=0)

The Environmental Protection Agency is announcing practices that regulated entities can undertake to engage environmental justice communities when applying for environmental permits, according to a notice to be published May 9.

#### **10 - EPA Floats Options To Meet D.C. Circuit's Test For Next Interstate Air Plan**

Inside EPA, 05/08/2013

<http://insideepa.com/201305082433663/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-floats-options-to-meet-dc-circuits-test-for-next-interstate-air-plan/menu-id-95.html>

EPA is floating at least three options for how it could approach a future interstate air pollution plan and ensure it complies with a restrictive U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruling that scrapped the agency's most recent air transport rule and created new limits on how EPA can impose an interstate air policy on states.

#### **11 - Senate Republicans Block Committee Vote on Obama EPA Nominee**

Bloomberg, 05/09/2013

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-05-09/senate-republicans-block-committee-vote-on-obama-epa-nominee-1-.html>

Republicans on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee blocked a vote on confirming Gina McCarthy to head the Environmental Protection Agency by boycotting a meeting called to consider the nomination.